

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: September 2014



The Howard County Council will host our next Legislative Session on Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

Below, you will find legislation the Council prefiled for the month of September and the status of legislation from the Council's July Special Session. I encourage you to be a part of the legislative process and submit testimony on bills under consideration. To do so, email the Council at councilmail@howardcountymd.gov.

For details on legislation passed during the prior General Assembly's session, please contact **Dan Furman** at 410-841-3360 or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.

INTRODUCTIONS

All current County Council legislation can be found [online](#).

APPOINTMENTS

CR86-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Omar Aziz to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR97-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Charles L. Fuller to the Public Ethics Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR98-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Ali Goraya to the Howard County Board of Directors of the Revenue Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR99-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Giovanna Guarnieri to the Human Rights Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR100-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Judy Harris to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR101-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Dr. Carlessia A. Hussein to the Board of Health.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR102-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrew Kraus to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR103-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Jonathan Kromm to the Public Ethics Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR104-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Archana Goel Leon-Guerrero, M.D., to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR105-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of E. Randolph Marriner to the Board of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR106-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Milton W. Matthews to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR107-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shuron A. Morton to the Board of Social Services.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR108-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shahan Rizvi to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR109-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shaharbano Rizvi to the Commission for Women.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR110-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Drew Roth to the Historic District Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR111-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Steven C. Snelgrove to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR112-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of William Stone to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINANCIAL

SAO1-FY2015

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$5,000 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Corrections for a grant to assist inmates with reentry into the community.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB49-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Agreement between Howard County, Maryland and Pictometry International Corp. for certain pictometry services used by the County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB50-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT establishing a Help To Others (H2O) Round-Up Program to assist residential customers who are facing financial hardships in the payment of their utility service charges; defining certain terms; authorizing certain payments; authorizing certain actions by the Department of Finance; and generally relating to utility service charges in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB51-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan in order to create a Deferred Retirement Option Program II (DROP II) to replace the currently existing Deferred Retirement Option Program; defining certain terms; establishing certain deadlines; providing for the transfer of DROP II; setting forth the eligibility of DROP II to include certain employees of the Department of Fire and Rescue Services; providing for the term of DROP II participation; providing for the termination of participation in the DROP II program; requiring that certain accounts be established and maintained; setting forth provisions related to the disability, death, or retirement of DROP II participants; providing for the status of certain County employees whose employment continues past the DROP II term; and generally relating to the Howard County Police and Fire Employees' Retirement Plan.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR113-2014

**Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty, Member
Co-Sponsored by: Calvin Ball, Chairperson**

A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to ensure that the prefile deadline will not fall on the day before a County Government holiday; and generally relating to the Council Rules of Procedure.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR114-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between the Howard County, Maryland and Ellicott LLLP, a limited liability limited partnership, for the renovation and operation of an existing 81-unit senior rental housing project known as Park View at Ellicott City.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

CB47-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT approving and providing for a multi-year Installment Purchase Agreement by Howard County, Maryland to acquire development rights in approximately 81.4 acres of agricultural land located at 12570 Highland-Laurel Road, in Highland, Howard County, Maryland, from The Estate of Richard Lansdale Pue or any other owner thereof for a maximum purchase price of \$1,971,200 or, if less, not more than \$24,216 per acre or portion thereof, rounded to the next highest \$100, plus interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price; providing that such purchase price and interest shall be payable to The Maryland 4-H Foundation, Inc.; providing that the County's obligation to pay such purchase price and interest on the deferred portion of such purchase price shall be a full faith and credit general obligation of the County; providing for the levying of taxes for such payments; authorizing the County Executive to modify such Agreement; and providing for and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CB42-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT amending the Pay Plan for Howard County; providing certain pay scales for police officers, police sergeants, police management, and certain employees in the Department of Fire and Rescue Services; amending the pay grade for the position of Police Services Support Supervisor II; and generally relating to the Pay Plan for Howard County.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CB43-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT amending the Classification Plan for Howard County; transferring the responsibility for certain police records operations to the position of Police Services Support Supervisor II; amending certain licensure and education requirements for the position of Police Services Support Supervisor II; and generally relating to amendments to the Howard County Classification Plan.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CB44-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the Howard County Police Officer's Association, Lodge 21.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CB45-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the FOP Lodge 143, Howard County Police Supervisor's Alliance, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the FOP Lodge 143, Howard County Police Supervisor's Alliance that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the FOP Lodge 143.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CB46-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT pursuant to Section 1.111(e) of the Howard County Code, approving provisions in a collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters – Howard County Local 2000, that are in conflict with the provisions of Title 1 "Human Resources" of the Howard County Code or the Employee Manual; approving a multi-year collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters – Howard County Local 2000 that will be effective through the end of Fiscal Year 2016 and that includes payment of certain compensation in future fiscal years; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the collective bargaining agreement between Howard County and the International Association of Firefighters – Howard County Local 2000.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CR87-2014

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty, Councilmember at the request of the Patuxent River Commission A RESOLUTION approving and adopting the 2015 Patuxent River Policy Plan.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CR88-2014

Introduced by: Greg Fox A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 209 "Legislative procedure" of the Howard County Charter by permitting the County Council to extend the amount of time to consider legislation before the Council; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CR89-2014

Introduced by: Greg Fox A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 613 "Restrictions of capital projects; amendment to capital budget after adoption of budget", of the Howard County Charter to clarify the application of the section to new capital projects; requiring the County Council to establish by law procedures for amending the budget when changes to existing capital projects are approved; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland

Constitution.

Final Action: Failed

Votes: 1-4 (Yay: Fox; Nay: Ball, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson)

CR90-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION approving the terms and conditions of a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and between Howard County, Maryland and 2800 Nixon's Farm Lane, LLC regarding the construction and operation of a solar array located on the property known as Nixon's Farm.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 4-0-1 (Abstain: Fox)

CR91-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive and Cosponsored by Jennifer Terrasa At the request of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake A RESOLUTION endorsing an application by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Investment Tax Credit program providing tax credits for individuals who donate to certain 501(c)(3) organizations.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CR92-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION authorizing the Howard County Health Officer to enter into contracts or any other written agreement to assist or participate in the delivery of health care services with third party health insurance, Medicare, and Medical Assistance carriers for the purpose of the third party health insurance, Medicare, and Medical Assistance carriers financing, coordinating, or facilitating services provided by the Howard County Health Department.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CR93-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION adopting the Housing Unit Allocation Chart for Fiscal Year 2015 pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CR94-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION adopting the Open/Closed Chart, pursuant to the Adequate Public Facilities Act of Howard County, to designate the school regions and school districts that are open for residential development.

Final Action: Passed as amended

Votes: 5-0

CR95-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION approving an application to the State of Maryland for the Main Street Maryland designation by the State Department of Housing and Community Development, indicating support for the Main Street Maryland Program in Ellicott City, Maryland and authorizing certain actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Final Action: Passed

Votes: 5-0

CR96-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION approving and authorizing the submittal of a Management Plan for the certification of the Patapsco Heritage Area as a Certified Maryland Heritage Area.

Final Action: Passed as amended

Votes: 5-0

GENERAL

CB38-2014

Introduced by: Greg Fox AN ACT prohibiting the County from exercising condemnation for economic development purposes or to transfer property to a private entity for its benefit; and generally relating to the acquisition by the County of private property by condemnation.

Final Action: Failed 7/25/14

Votes: 3-2 (Fox, Watson)

CR89-2014

Introduced by: Greg Fox A RESOLUTION proposing to amend Section 613 "Restrictions of capital projects; amendment to capital budget after adoption of budget", of the Howard County Charter to clarify the application of the section to new capital projects; requiring the County Council to establish by law procedures for amending the budget when changes to existing capital projects are approved; and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland

Constitution.

Final Action: Failed

Votes: 1-4 (Nay: Ball, Sigaty, Terrasa, Watson)

TABLED

CB37-2014

Introduced by: Greg Fox AN ACT providing that, unless otherwise prohibited by law, there are no limits on the kinds of foods or beverages sold or distributed on County-owned property or during County-sponsored events, meetings, and programs; and generally relating to certain food and beverage sales in the County.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

Votes: 5-0

APPOINTMENTS

CR75-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Mitra Basu to the Housing and Community Development Board.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR76-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Abby Glassberg to the Public Works Board.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR77-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Andrea S. Ingram name to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR78-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Linda M. Skelton to the Housing and Community Development Board.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR79-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Maurice F. Zeitler to the Housing and Community Development Board.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR80-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of William E. Erskine to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR81-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jill Marie Godzilevsky to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR82-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sheryl H. Lewis, M.P.H., to the Board of Health.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR83-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joseph J. Mezzanotte to the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Authority.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

CR84-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Ligeia Shin-Zeruto to the Howard County Commission for Veterans and Military Families.

Final Action: Tabled 7/25/14

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 7:30pm:
Legislative Session
- Monday, September 8, 2014 at 8:30am: Monthly Meeting in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:30pm:
Legislative Public Hearing
- Monday, September 22, 2014 at 4:30 pm:
Legislative Work Session
- Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7:30pm: Legislative Session
- Monday, October 13, 2014 at 8:30am: Monthly Meeting in C. Vernon Gray Room
- Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 8:15am:
Quarterly meeting with the Board of Education
- Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:30pm:
Legislative Public Hearing
- Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 4:30 pm:
Legislative Work Session
- Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 4:30 pm:
Legislative Special Wrap-up Session

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.

Sign-up sheets will be available outside of the Banneker room at 7:00pm on the evening of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved"
~ **Mattie Stepanek**